

## REMARKS

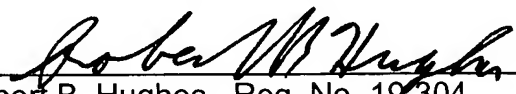
In the last office action it was indicated that in the first page of the application, the reference to related applications should be amended to insert the language –now U.S. Patent 6,762,680. This has been done by this amendment. Also, it was indicated that the drawings submitted were not in compliance. Accordingly, there is enclosed with this response the three pages of amended drawings which should be in full compliance of the requirements of the office.

Also, there was a double patenting rejection, and it was indicated that a timely filed Terminal Disclaimer could be used to overcome the rejection. Accordingly, there is attached to this response a Terminal Disclaimer which should overcome the rejection.

It is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance. If there is any matter which yet needs attention, and if consultation with the Applicant's attorney would be of benefit, such consultation would be welcome. The Applicant's undersigned attorney can normally be reached at the telephone number set forth below.

Signed at Bellingham, County of Whatcom, State of Washington this December 22, 2004.

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